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Open Letter to the Class of 1968:

I, as a candidate for Secretary-Treasurer of the Class of 1968, attended the convocation where the presidential candidates gave their speeches. Unfortunately, there was a lack of student attendance at this convocation. This seems to indicate a lack of concern over who our class officers will be and what they will stand for. I would like to take this opportunity to express my views concerning the improvement of the College of Forestry as class Secretary-Treasurer.

1. The need for a petition system of nominations. This would result in only students interested in running getting the nomination. This would also eliminate the present nominating convocations and the confusion resulting from them.

2. The need for better publicity. I recommend the use of student mail boxes and the Knothole to notify students of what their Student Association is doing for them.

3. The need for better freshman orientation on the College of Forestry. I recommend a convocation on student government and extracurricular activities so that the freshman will be more familiar with College of Forestry activities and government. To help do this I also propose to send a Knothole to all incoming freshmen during the summer as the Daily Orange does at Syracuse University.

I felt the need for writing this letter, since most candidates have not offered any ideas for improving the College.

Tom Urbanik
Class of 1968

APPLAUSE

My dictionary defines the word "applause" as follows:

1. hand clapping, shouting, or other demonstrations of approval.
2. Any expression of approbation or approval. With that definition in mind I was rather surprised at the volume and enthusiasm of the applause that greeted the speaker at the conclusion of convocation last Wednesday.

I, myself, found it impossible to applaud such an obnoxious individual who derived such obvious delight from seeing the coffins of American casualties in the streets of Saigon. I was surprised that so many of you, my classmates, could applaud.

Perhaps the College is adding to our education by demonstrating so vividly that such insults to human dignity do exist. But I don't believe that they've told us that we must blindly support everything such people say.

But perhaps my point is purely a question of semantics. Perhaps the applause was for the fact that she was done. Looking at it from that point of view I might have applauded too.

Jason Welsch

An excerpt from the speech of our guest at the Forestry Banquet last Tuesday:

A man's as great as the dreams he dreams,
As great as the love he bears.
As great as the value he redeems,
And the happiness he shares.

A man's as great as the thoughts he thinks,
As the worth he has attained.
As the fountains at which his spirit drinks.
And the insight he has gained.

A man's as great as the truth he speaks,
As great as the help he gives.
As great as the destiny he seeks,
As great as the life he lives.

Harold Sam Kessinger

ABOVE THE DIN OF BATTLE, AN ANGUISHED, LONELY SCREAM.....

My Dear Mr. Smyk:

I was much amused by your rather sophomoric criticism of my literary flights of fancy. Although it is probably to no avail, I would like to point out that both poems were flagrantly sardonic, if not baldly sarcastic. In this light, your comments are pointless. Voila!

As to my personal identity, I would prefer to remain anonymous. Let it suffice to say that I am a freshman (I can hear the derisive hoots already) in the Land Management curriculum, although I will probably go into World Forestry later. I am 18, single, embrace higher education somewhat dubiously, and am fondly known to my few intimates as Young Rebel.

As to my present cause of grief; I am motivated by the speech by Judge ---- at the banquet. He was amusing, no doubt, but I feel that he was wrong in saying that the future belongs to us; if you think it over, you will realize that we belong to the future. We are but pawns moved aimlessly in a farcial game.

This, then, (less I be misunderstood for the Third time) is the reasoning behind the following bit of introspective esoteria.

I stand alone, an island at sea,
The sound of the sun hurts my ears.
The moon's liquid light pierces bared breast
My soul's torn by dark ageless fears.

The crowds have no solace, the wise men no balm
I've little choice as to that which shall be
Prisoner of Progress (It's Our Only Product)
My God, so young yet not free!

M. G.

N O T I C E

A student-faculty discussion will be held this Friday evening (April 24) at 8:15 P.M. in 126 Marshall. All students, and especially the recently elected class officers, and faculty are asked to attend, as the main topic of discussion will be student activities for the next school year.

The first meeting of this type, held March 26 generated enthusiasm for a second, but perhaps the intervening weeks have dampened student interest. Therefore, I would like to remind students and faculty that the state of student activities at our College is still one to be concerned with, and that much remains to be said regarding student-faculty cooperation as a means of improving student participation in College activities. Most important, however, is the fact that, as of now, no one has presented a suitable plan for improving this situation. It is hoped that this meeting can provide a reason for students, faculty, and especially student leaders to consider seriously the possibility of a well-laid plan of action for the coming year.

Finally, may I emphasize the fact that faculty participation is necessary to the success of this meeting, and so may I cordially invite faculty attendance.

Tom Horbett

ZOOLOGY CLUB ELECTIONS

There will be a short meeting for Zoology Club members (those who have attended three or more meetings this year) on Friday evening, April 23rd, at 7:30 P.M. in Marshall Lounge.

Because of scheduling difficulties, there will be no final program this month, and our elections for next year's officers must be held this Friday.

Nominations will be open for president, vice-president, treasurer, and program chairman. We would appreciate any suggestions for improving the Club's programs or any other activities, also.

Leslie Monostory

WANTED FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

One sophomore or junior with a car to work in the Watertown - Ogdensburg area. Salary of over one hundred dollars per week plus expenses.

For further information, contact Jason Welsch at GR 8-5302 or University extension 2470.

N O T I C E

This is a special announcement to any College of Forestry Student who may be planning to change from Landscape Architecture, Wood Products Engineering, Forest Chemistry or Pulp and Paper to Land Management, Measurements, World Forestry or the Biological Sciences. ANYONE WHO HAS THIS IN MIND SHOULD ATTEND SUMMER CAMP IN 1965. It is important that students make the decision in time to obtain the required inoculations and to pass the swimming test.

Currently enrolled students who change after this Spring to the present General Forestry curriculum which requires Summer Camp, will find serious scheduling difficulties and their graduation dates might be postponed. This will be true because the new curricula in Resources Management and Forest Biology approved by the Faculty on March 10, 1965, will be placed in effect with the September 1965 entering Freshmen Class. Thus, both the old curricula and the new will be operating concurrently.

Raymond F. Crossman
Dean of Students